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in the same old family ties, rejoicing in, and solicitous for the same national welfare, we with them, the same spirit, cherishing the same memories, bound changes that the sword and cannon only can elseunite in the one national Thanksgiving, and praise better than armies can give them all they wish. It for gratitude. God for His goodness, for His providence, and His grace to us and to our common country. We are still a part of that great nation. Its blood is in our calls upon Him for responsibility, for thought and veins. Its love of liberty is in our hearts. Its action, it awakens in Him a spirit of intelligence, spirit of progress pushes us on in achievement. Its and a feeling of obligation. It tends to make all its interests are still our interests. Its prosperity is our joy. Its calamities are our sorrow. Its causes for Thanksgiving are ours also. Not only has that same

We have then great reason to bless our God to-day

We have then great reason to bless our God to-day out over us, as it were from the home country. have experienced heavy losses and severe trials, yet | we do to-day, not boastingly, but humbly give our we thank Him, that the blessings that remain are Thanksgiving to God for it.

blessed in the great nation of which we are still a part. As citizens of that favored country, we would anew recall to mind its worth, and think of the great cedent and example. Declaring itself a nation less blessings in which we share in common with all its than a century ago, it to-day confesses to no superior.

call our own. Though in a foreign land, we are not looks up to none for favor. It is itself drawing the wanderers on the earth, every man's hand against eyes of the world to itself. Bleeding France, in her us, and ours against every man. There goes with agony, gathers her hope from the strong and free us a something of credit and of character, that makes people of the new world. And as Seward is reputed us more than the mere individual. There is a power | to have remarked "the American, the world over, is behind us that wraps us about with its influence, becoming the man of the period." In the arts of and throws the segis of its protection over us. We civilization and peace also, our country stands among have a country, and our feet may return and rest the foremost. It leads all the kingdoms in the results upon its soil. Our homes may be under its sky, when- of inventive genius In practical mechanics, in ever other climes prove insalubrious or inhospitable. navigation, in applied arts, in the results of military Its fields of ripening grain may be for our sustenance. Within its safe borders our right, not mere privilege, it is second to none. The steamboat, and it is to follow the peaceful pursuits of life. Its very multitudes of minor inventions, which have wrought hills and streams court our love. The warmth of its | marvelous changes in the processes of business and social life beats in our hearts, and keeps them, life, have been given to the world by it. It has torn though remote, from becoming cold and solitary. Its away forests and planted homes and gardens and virtues and principles bind us to walks of purity and cities over hundreds of millions of miles of area. nobleness. Yes, it is worth something to have a The yearly products of its soil are valued at over country that we can call our own. It is good to love 2,000,000,000 of dollars. It manufactures to the it. Heathen poets have sung that it is sweet to die value of \$1,200,000,000. The worth of its live for it. Many a hero has felt himself privileged and stock is estimated at nearly \$1,500,000,000. It had honored in giving his life for his country. The pul- a commerce before our late war to the an sations of the national life have beaten for the time \$2,000,000,000. Its rail roads add miles almost too spirit of the nation that has filled him.

abroad, but the fact that he belongs to a people and a government tends to make him more of a man. and the other states of the new. For all this we do And if that nation is great and noble, and free, if its thank our God to-day.

See again how God has dealt with our nation laws are wise, and its government good, if its nation. We are glad to have our children grow up in the spirit of its liberties. We rejoice in its history, its conflicts, and its rising power, in its youth, and

progress.

If there ever was a nation of which our text could in the national councils. It was demanding to be be truly spoken it is ours. Israel was not a more decisions of the judiciary. It was demanding to be chosen people. Their beginning was not more of God, and their history was not more under the shaping of His hand than ours has been. The Psalmist saw that the Lord had not dealt so graciously and free labor. It trod upon them that toiled, as but the grandly with any of the surrounding people, and especially in this, that they had not known His judgments, i. e., His revealed will. What he meant was found for itself an empire of slavery. This world that Israel's greatness and prosperity and joy, were owing to the fact that they were God's people, and had His truth and His laws. They had the true religion of Jehovah, and as His people, God had dealt | tinued ever and anon to roll their dark waves over marvelously with them, and in view of this Israel's our land, and mankind everywhere would have lost singer exclaimed, "Praise ye the Lord." God's their best hope. But God saved us out of that sin. hath dealt marvelously and graciously with us? Look for instance at the surpassing natural advantages that He has given us. No people has He blessed | vades the nation. The one great question in regard

our nation.. No nation has now, and prospectively day than they ever did under the curseful touch of so central and commanding a position. It is getting bondage. The crushing debt also, the awful price of to be more and more midway latitudinally and longitudinally in the great courses of trade and travel. oneness and liberty, is being paid with providential and unprecedented rapidity.

given us, a government so perfectly fitted to secure as for His judgments they have not known them. Praise strong without oppression. It is tolerant without the Lord."

Though in a foreign kingdom, and on these mid weakness. It is the instrument of the people and ocean islands, our hearts to-day are in unison, with all those dear and loved ones, who, throughout the broad fatherland, are offering thanksgiving to the one Great God of bounty and blessing. Gathered in the same pairit, cherishing the same performs bound.

hand of blessing which has dispensed good to our for the government He has given to our nation. No native land, let fall its profusion upon us, but very many of the blessings that we here enjoy, have fallen upon us, from that Divine hand extended the masses in superstition. No sword of terror In fact so much of the civilization and religion, and public spirit, that prevail here came from Each one may walk in paths of his own selection, that home country that we almost forget that we are and climb to any eminence that he has the ability to in foreign parts, and we can thank our heavenly occupy. No shackle now binds the soul or body of Father to-day, for all these island comforts, and priv- any except such as he himself may have forged and ileges and bounties, and homes, almost as if they bound upon himself. It is a sublime spectacle to see were upon our native soil. We do thank Him to-day such millions of free men covering our wide extent for the blessings that He has showered upon us as of territory, great alike in peace and war, millions individuals, for blessings of life, and health, and of liberty-loving men standing up under the respons-safety, and sustenance and all spiritual good. We ibilities of self-government, able to repel any foe thank Him for friends and for society. We thank Him for our homes, and our hopes. We thank Him for the state and the church. We thank Him for the privileges we enjoy under the government in this land of our sojourning. We thank Him for His word of life and salvation. And though many of us

more, and that our life is yet full of His mercies, and | See again, how, in giving us a rapid growth and that His love appears even in the adversity as well as progress, God hath dealt with us as He hath not in the bounty. There is not one of us who has not reason to render to Him a public tribute of gratitude trodden a slow and uncertain way through long this day for the blessings of His providential and centuries, ours has come up into equal power and position within the age of a single man. Young as But we are blessed, and may to-day feel ourselves it is, all the great nations of the earth are not only people.

It thinks of none as more mighty or prosperous, or as having greater resources. It fears none as foe. It feels called upon to arm itself against none. It

in him, and he has been exalted in greatness by the rapidly to be counted. Its common schools dot its whole surface, and are reckoned by the hundred To feel as we go forth in the world, that a great thousand. Its colleges are numbered by hundreds, nation is behind us, and that we belong to a noble and its academies by thousands. Its presses send and mighty people, gives us a conciousness of dignity and worth. Something of our government's strength and week by week. The gospel is dispensed from is in our efforts. Something of its dignity is in our more than a hundred thousand places of worship. walk. Its honors rest down upon our heads, and its achievements are our pride and boast. The poorest all those social and educational and religious, and Roman that trod the remotest strand of earth, felt artistic and literary fruits which are the heritage, that he was the citizen of a mighty and glorious na-tion. There is thus something of his nation's strength these elements our nation's influence has gone out into all the world. The isles of the sea, have caught and greatness entering into every citizen. His na- into all the world. The isles of the sea, have caught tionality gives him a character. Not only do the its spirit of progress. It has awakened the old laws of his country give him protection at home and empires from their slumber of ages. It has aroused

history is grand, and its position commanding, if it has the spirit of greatnesss of achievement and progress, so much the more does it lend of itself to the individual; the blessing of citizenship is all the ground, and bringing good out of the evil that was greater. That our children may rejoice in the land of bred within it. He has lifted it up out of its adverour birth ; that they may love its institutions and its sities. He has brought it forth out of its greatest government; that they may feel noble and free and strong on account of their nationality, is not among greatest afflictions, He has seemed to consume away the least of the blessings to be grateful for. And its besetting sins, its corruptions, and its slavery, while we rejoice in all that is great and good in other which most of all, threatened its vital growth. For lands, and while we would unite with those of other long, long years, slavery was as a great cancer, States and kingdoms in a heart-felt Thanksgiving eating into the very vitals of our nation. It was for all the blessings and honors with which the good sending out its strong roots, and filling with its God has favored their countries, yet taking it all and in all, we know of no country, and no government, making sickly the moral sentiment of the whole land. that we would exchange to-day for our own. We are It was rotting out our noblest thoughts and princiglad to be citizens of that noble realm, of that free ples of freedom. It was intimidating, and silencing the press itself. It was casting its baneful influence over the pulpit. It was assuming such power, and imperiousness as to demand that it should no longer vigor, in its sair name and in its broad scope of be spoken of as a sin, but should be honored, and considered as a badge of nobility. It was controlling appellations. never knew a more perilous hour. The whole world had an interest in its issue. Had freedom fallen and I will eterna before slavery, anarchy and blood would have con-polis of Nature. not we, my fellow-citizens, a yet sweeter song to sing in this respect? For is it not more true that he fearful price. And He not call broads to the looks at you. So does victory, but He is also giving us the blessed fruits of victory. The wound is healed. A truer unity perwith fairer and broader acres. For beauty of land- to the nature of our government-the question with scape, femility of soil, variety of climates, and pro-ducts, comprehensiveness of resources, great store-bade of metals and scale of resources, great storebeds of metals and coals and oils; for facilities for wrote upon, which Webster and Hayne had their arts and manufactories, and commerce, farms and great conflict over, which . Calhoun grew great upon, fisheries, forests and prairies; and for all that can and which filled the halls of legislation up to the lift up the mind to the noble and the grand, for great | very hour of conflict—the question whether our govmountains and stupendous cataracts, and great ernment was a confederate or federal union was rivers, and inspiring views, and scenes of every forever decided. That fratricidal blood, under the kind—He bath not so dealt with any people. The promised land of Cansan was fair and fertile, and at one national life, and common national interests. mercy of God, cemented us into one nation, with but that time very central and commanding in position.
But in none of these respects can it now compare of crime. The fields of the sunny south, stirred by But in none of these respects can it now compare with the goodly heritage which the Lord has given to the hand of freedom, bloom with richer harvests to-

It is a land surpassingly fitted to be the seat of empire and influence. It is a country to be loved, one to which such a war ever breeds, is giving way. Under which the generations of posterity will become most fondly attached. A dearer fatherland than it will be, no descendants of the human race have ever cherished. Consider further, that the Lord hath dealt with us country scarcely second to that of slavery itself, but blessedly also in our origin as a nation. He gave to us a royal beginning. Abraham's call to go forth to Canaan, and be the father of a chosen people was not more divine ar grand than was the planting of the goodly pilgrim seed on the wild shores of New England. The Puritans were the worthy founders of such a nation. Their faith and righteousness

were the germs of a free and strong government. strong rising tide that is setting toward purity and They were of blood such as greatness is made of. They were of a commanding race, and their character was were of a commanding race, and their character was sterling and royal in its strength and goodness. No nation ever had an inception more worthy and noble. God was laying the foundations of our free institutions, and of our rare progress, of our present and future growth, when He brought to that new continues and godle and godle and godle and godle and to been war, to the shame and disgrace of both, and to been war, to the shame and disgrace of both, and to been war, to the shame and disgrace of peace—and to nent our brave and godly and pure forefathers. It the retarding of the world's hope of peace—and to was from out of their principles that he caused to grow up our liberties and our power. He fitted them and their sons, not only to stand upon their rights, not only to earn what they enjoyed, and pay for what they got, not only to declare and maintain their independence but also to form the freest, most equations and best of governments. With some the sky is now clear, and a truer, better, more brotherly feeling exists between the two countries than ever before. For this also, we praise the Lord to-day with cheerful heart and voice. In the afflications also that have just befallen our cities and ble and best of governments. With rare heroism and tions also that have just befallen our cities, and self-denial, standing up at the cost of life for their rights, and for the truth, yielding to no adversities, intimidated by no formidableness, they made themselves a separate and self-governing people, and this, with example and tradition and history almost wholly against them. The experience of all nations was testifying that the common people must have kings, that they could not govern themselves, and yet our forefathers laid down principles of law and government more wisely than all the sages of the kingdoms, and they built republican institutions which to-day are the glory of the earth. And in consequence a new era of free thought, and responsible manhood and human rights has dawned upon self-denial, standing up at the cost of life for their villages, and counties, we have much reason for sible manhood and human rights has dawned upon the world, and all nations are feeling it. It is thus with a noble pride that we think of the grand and royal origin of our nation. It had a birth worthy of all the after greatness to which it may attain. It is all the after greatness to which it may attain. It is a blessing to any people to be able to point to such a beginning, rather than to one in the lust for power, or in conquest, dishonor and shame.

It is the after greatness to which it may attain. It is have yet more reason to thank and praise the Lord for His goodness. God so tempers His judgments with mercies that there is doubtless as much real

Consider again, that God hath not so dealt with | happiness and gratitude to-day in Chicago, as there any people in the form of government that He has was before the fire. By taking away some of our blessings He often teaches us to be more thankful for the best interests of the governed. It has in it all the greater ones that remain. I was once standing facilities of adjustment, and all capabilities of re- with a lady upon a hill overlooking a city, which dress, and reform, of equal rights and justice. It is was all in ashes at our feet, and as we talked there ruin spread before us, she exclaimed, with a cheerful face, "oh, we have a great deal here for which to be thankful." And a gentleman coming up, also remarked, that before the fire, they were all repining at the duliness of the times, and uneasy to better their lot, but " now, said he, not a murmur is heard ;

Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face."

But, fellow citizens and friends, our theme we cannot complete so large is it, and time failing, and so we may as well stop at once. Let the spirit of gratitude be in our hearts to-day. Let a pure thankfulness go out to Him for all His dealings and merries to us as individuals and to our nation, not forgetting also the favors and the blessings that we enjoy here, under this constitutional and free government, in these Islands, our adopted home. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His

Kicked by a Mule. Jake Johnson had a mule. There was nothing remarkable in the mere fact of his being the possessor of such an animal, but there was something peculiar about the mule. He-the animal -could kick higher, hit harder on the slightest provocation, and act uglier than any other mule

on record. One morning, riding his property to market, Jake met Jim Boggs, against whom he had a concealed grudge. He knew Bogg's weakness lay in bragging and betting; therefore he saluted him

"How are you Jim? Fine morning." "Hearty, squire," replied Jim. "Fine weath-Nice mule that you have. Will he do to bet "Bet on? Guess he will that. I tell ver, Jim

Boggs, he's the best mule in this country. Paid \$500 for him." "Great smash! Is that so?" ejaculated Jim. fidentially, Jim, I'm taking him down for betting LADIES of the ISLANDS "Solid truth, every word of it. Tell you conpurposes. I bet he can kick a fly off from any

man without its hurting him."

"Now, look here, squire," said Jim, "I am not a betting character, but I'll bet you something on that myself." "Jim, there's no use; don't bet, I don't want

to win your money." "Don't be alarmed, squire; I'll take such bets as them every time." "Well, if you are determined to bet, I will

risk a small stake-say five dollars. "All right, squire, you're my man. But who will he kick the fly off? There is no one here but you and I. You try it." "No." says Johnson; "I have to be by the

mule's head to order him." "Oh, yaas," says Jim. "Then probably I'm the man. Wa'all, I'll do it; but you are to bet ten against my five if I risk it." " All right," quoth the squire. "Now, there is a fly on your shoulder, stand still." And Johnson adjusted the mule.

"Whist Jervy," said he.
The mule raised his heels with such velocity and force that Boggs rose in the air like a bird, up against a rail fence.

Rising in a towering rage, he exclaimed: 'Yaas, that is smart! I knew your darned mule couldn't do it. You had that put up. I wouldn't be kicked like that for fifty dollars. You can just fork over them ere stakes for it any way." "Not so fast, Jim; Jervy did just what I said he could; that is, kick a fly off a man without its hurting him. You see, the mule is not injured by the operation. However, if you are not

satisfied, we will try it again as often as you wish."

"The deuce take you," growled Jim. "I'd
rather have a barn fall on me at once than have that critter kick me again. Keep the stakes, but don't say anything about it." And Boggs trudged on in bitterness of soul, murmuring to himself. "Sold, by thunder, and

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Deity is my pastor. I shall not be indigent. He causeth me to recumb on verdant lawns. He conducteth me beside the unrippled liquidi-

He reinstateth my spirit, he conducteth me in the avenues of rectitude, from the celebrity of his Indubitably, though I perambulate the glen of

ed by appalling catastrophes; thy crook and thy wand insinuate delectation. Thou positest a refection for me in the midst of inimitable scrutations; thou perfumest my locks with odoriferous unquents; my chalise exuberates; unquestionable benignity and commiseration shall continge all the denturnity of totality, and I will eternalise my habitance in the metro-

the sepulchral dormitories, I shall not be perturb-

A Boy's Composition .- The following literary gem we believe was not written by a scholar at butted Deacon Tillinghast in a bad place, and a little calf wouldn't do so. A boy without a father is an orphan, and if he hain't got no mother he is two orphans. The goat don't give so much milk as a cow, but more than an ox. I saw an ox at a fair one day with a cord tied to his left ear, and he went in on a family ticket. Mother picks geese in the summer, and the goat eats grass and jumps on a box. Some folks don't-like goats, but as for me, give me a mule with a paint brush tail. The goat is a useful animal, but don't smell as sweet as nice bear's oil for the hair. I had too much hair I would wear a wig, as old phant, which is bigger than five goats. Father is coming home to-morrow, and the baby has got the croup bad, and to-morrow's my chill day.

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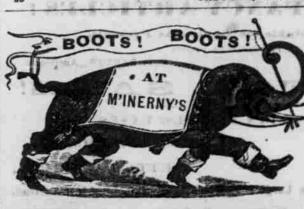
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